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# CLUB NOTES

OUR CONCLUDING home match in the League is in keeping with most of those we have played this year. It has a sharp edge through vital points being at stake for one side or the other, often both.

Just look at this sequence since February came in — Bristol City (away), Oxford United (home), Fulham (away), Middlesbrough (home), Millwall (home), Cardiff (home), and Bury (home) a fortnight ago.

We needed some of those points, but collected only four and got into difficulties through it. Relief came with our 3-0 home win against Bury, this taking the tension out of the Easter programme.

While the three games were not cliff-hangers, they were keenly contested, and, with honours even, we came out of the test fairly well considering that two of them were away from home.

The outcome was two goals for and against and three points, plus the satisfaction of a home win against our Blackpool neighbours and rivals.

A win and a draw at their expense this season compensates for two defeats by Blackpool in the previous season when they scored six goals to one.

We would like to thank North End fans for their support at the Blackpool "derby" on Tuesday evening. When a team has been struggling, interest inevitably wanes and at holiday time there are other factors which keep people away.

Last season we had a 21,499 crowd for Blackpool's visit but it was at the start when interest was keen and the "gate" was our best for 1967-68.

### Needle Match

There was a good deal of guessing beforehand as to how many would turn up this time, with nothing except local pride to play for. Some thought we would do well to get 12,000, including diehards from Blackpool; 15,000 was considered optimistic.

Well, 17,233 turned up and this was our best "gate" since Chelsea were here in the Cup. It proved we have still a substantial hard core of supporters despite many setbacks and disappointments.

We shall do our utmost to maintain and widen that interest in the club. How many noticed that on the same evening, when Burnley were at home to a team as attractive as Everton, the attendance was 17,134 and that Middlesbrough drew only 19,366 at a game with a bearing on promotion?

Our match with Crystal Palace to-day comes into the same category. They have never yet won at Deepdale, or even scored, but with the First Division seemingly just round the corner for them we must expect a powerful effort by them this time.

So far this season, Deepdale, to our regret, has been a good hunting ground for promotion candidates. Derby drew, Middlesbrough and Millwall won.

Crystal Palace have a good away record, embracing seven wins and seven draws in 19 matches, but we shall strive to keep it at that and also to register our third double win of the season. The previous meeting in the League at Selhurst went in our favour by 2-1, to avenge a League Cup defeat.

It was our first away win versus Crystal Palace.

*Programme:* Editorial—WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (Asst. Secretary)

# COMPETITION PAGE

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AND HERE IS TODAY'S QUESTION

Bill Cranston, Ray Charnley and Gerry Ingram all came to Deepdale from Blackpool — WHO WAS THE LAST PLAYER TO MOVE FROM DEEPDALE TO THE SEASIDE CLUB AND WHAT YEAR?

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| Date | Match | Kick off |
|---|---|---|
| Monday, 14th April .. | Preston and District League Finals .. | 6-0 p.m. |
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| Wednesday, 16th April .. | Catholic League Finals .. .... .. | 6-0 p.m. |
| Thursday, 17th April .. | Police Final .. .. .. .. .. | 7-30 p.m. |
| Saturday, 19th April .. | Huddersfield Town Reserves.. .. .. | 3-0 p.m. |
| Monday, 21st April .. | Schoolboy Finals .. .. .. .. | 6-20 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 22nd April .. | Schoolboy Finals .. .. .. .. | 6-20 p.m. |
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## *From the Manager's Chair*

# HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

THERE IS now no threat, real or imaginary, to our safety in Division Two, thanks to picking up three welcome points over Easter, and for that we can all feel pleased.

Our points total is the same as at the end of last season. With three matches to play there is time to improve upon it, as I hope we do.

One considerable difference compared with last season lies in the goals against column. We are not obsessed with defence at Deepdale as some people imagine; in fact we have consistently done a great deal of attacking.

In fact, if the results had matched the effort put in — and this is not making any excuse for near misses and chances not taken — our situation in the table would have been much more favourable. This is probably as tough a Division as any for goal-getting. Look at the "goals for" column.

Take Derby. They are leading, as I write, with 57 points from 55 goals! The average per game for the whole Division has reached a new low, something like 2.5 per game, which is the lowest in the League. Only 11 teams have scored more than 50 goals.

However, we have not much to complain about on the reverse side, and that does count, otherwise Bury and Fulham would not be going into Division Three. Only Derby, Middlesbrough and Blackpool have conceded fewer than our 44, and 17 of those were lost in five games.

We deserved our draw at Norwich. I don't think the home crowd could have complained, in fairness, if we had avenged a home defeat. Archie Gemmill's goal was a good one. He went past three players, before letting fly and must have hit it with a dip, for it cleared the 'keeper and still found the net. If that was a "fluke" I would like to see a few more like it.

Gerry Ingram was floored in the penalty area when we had a great chance to make it 2-0. The in-off equaliser was hard luck on George Ross. I do not blame him. The scoring attempt was fading and likely to go our way when it glanced off him. He could not get out of the way. Don't forget that he stopped one in the Bury match that was going in !

It was a poor game at Carlisle, spoiled by the conditions which made control difficult. A strong down-field wind governed the play. Carlisle were on top when it was behind them and we were a bit uncertain in defence. In the second half the wind was in our favour. This gave us most of the play but even with this pressure we still failed to score.

Those of you who saw the Blackpool game, and it was a good crowd, found no lack of incidents in a keen "derby", certainly if you watched those two "mighty atoms," Gemmill and Green, each trying to outdo the other. They probably enjoyed it. I did, and Archie came out on top.

Taking the match through, I am sure we were value for our win. The team fought hard for it.

Admirers of Jim McNab, and they are many, will sympathise with him in his misfortune of a broken wrist. Of our first team pool Ritchie, Smith, McNab, Lyall, Spark and Ingram were not available. Since the Bristol match it had been like this most of the time.

It would be interesting to find just how seldom we have been able to put the same team out and to count up the number of positional changes that have had to be made.


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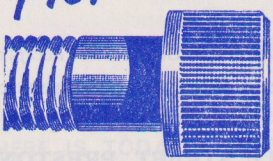

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# Picture Gallery

Norman Lloyd, 19 years old inside forward from Stirling, made his first team debut at Deepdale this season versus Bury, following some fine displays with the reserves.

# Division One Bound ?

# OUR VISITORS

OF THE 21 Southern League clubs which, along with relegated Grimsby Town, formed a new Third Division soon after the first world war — an exception was Cardiff City who were elected to Division Two in place of Lincoln City — six eventually attained First Division status.

The distinction was gained by Portsmouth, Brentford, Luton Town, Northampton, Southampton and Queen's Park Rangers. Ten more, Crystal Palace, Swindon Town, Swansea Town, Millwall, Bristol Rovers, Plymouth Argyle, Newport County, Norwich City, Brighton and Hove and Reading — found their way into Division Two, although only three are there now.

Watford, Southend United, Exeter City and Gillingham did not get any higher, and Merthyr Tidvil passed out of League football. Cardiff reached the top flight in their first season.

Our visitors to-day, to whom we extend a cordial welcome, seem on the verge of realising the same ambition in what is their 42nd League season. We wish them well, while naturally hoping that they do not make further progress to-day at our expense. They have been a consistently sound team throughout the season, having lost only eight of their 39 League matches.

They are among the leading scorers and only three teams have conceded fewer goals. Success has rewarded their virile, progressive approach and constructive team building. They visualised a fruitful field for First Division football in south-east London, and are nearly there. Yet only eight years ago Crystal Palace were in Division Four, though about to climb out.

This is how they got there: promoted first season (1920-21), relegated to Division Three 1925 — when we went down from Division One — and in that company for 26 seasons until the formation of Division Four in 1958. Palace spent three seasons there, got back with 64 points and, three years later, returned to the Second Division with 60 points.

That was in 1964, when we played the club for the first times. In the five seasons since then our meetings have resulted: (home) 1-0, 2-0, 1-0, 0-0; (away) 0-1, 1-1, 0-1, 0-2 and (1968-69) 2-1 in the League, 1-3 in the League Cup. Thus the 10 games have produced only 17 goals.

Crystal Palace, formed 1905, used the old venue of the Cup Finals for 10 years. After four war-time years at Herne Hill another move was made to Selhurst and, 1924, to the present ground.

# Pen Pictures

**John JACKSON** (*goalkeeper*). Regular choice since Bill Glazier's costly transfer to Coventry in 1964. More than 150 League games for Palace. Came up through their youth scheme. Born Hammersmith and played for London and England Grammar Schools and England Amateurs.

**John SEWELL** (*right back*). Captain since Alan Stephenson went to West Ham in March last year. Joined Palace from Charlton 1963. Has spent 17 years in football. In all that time, despite his reputation as a tough, uncompromising defender, has never had his name taken. Born Brockley.

**John LOUGHLAN** (*left back*). Hails from Coatbridge, Lanarkshire. Spotted by Leicester City when a boy and was there until he was 20 without finding favour. Returned to Scotland and had spent four happy seasons with Morton when he had another go at English football — with Palace.

**Roger HOY** (*right half*). Signed from Spurs, born in Poplar and reared in the east end of London, training when a youth with West Ham. Made an impression on Spurs when on trial aged 16.

**John McCORMICK** (*centre half*). Transferred from Aberdeen nearly two years ago and proved his worth in 28 League appearances last season. Comes from Glasgow and started with Third Lanark.

**Mel BLYTHE** (*left half*). A lean six-footer who joined Palace from Scunthorpe this season for £12,000 after only eight months in pro. football. Aged 22 was born at Norwich. A bachelor.

**Mark LAZARUS** (*outside right*). Crystal Palace's most-travelled player, came to Selhurst in December, 1967, after spells with Orient, Q.P.R., Wolves, Brentford and Rangers again. A forceful, experienced raider whose speed and shooting has earned him a good crop of goals.

**Steve KEMBER** (*inside right*). A 19-year-old product of the club's youth scheme, starting 1965 as an apprentice after playing for Croydon and Surrey schools. Gained several F.A. youth caps.

**Bobby WOODRUFF** (*centre forward*). Began his career with Swindon Town and moved to Wolves 1964. Signed by Bert Head, May 1966, scored 36 goals in his first two seasons with Palace.

**Tony TAYLOR** (*inside left*). Scottish-born, was spotted at the same time as Loughlan when playing for Morton. They are good friends though enjoying different hobbies. Promising youngster.

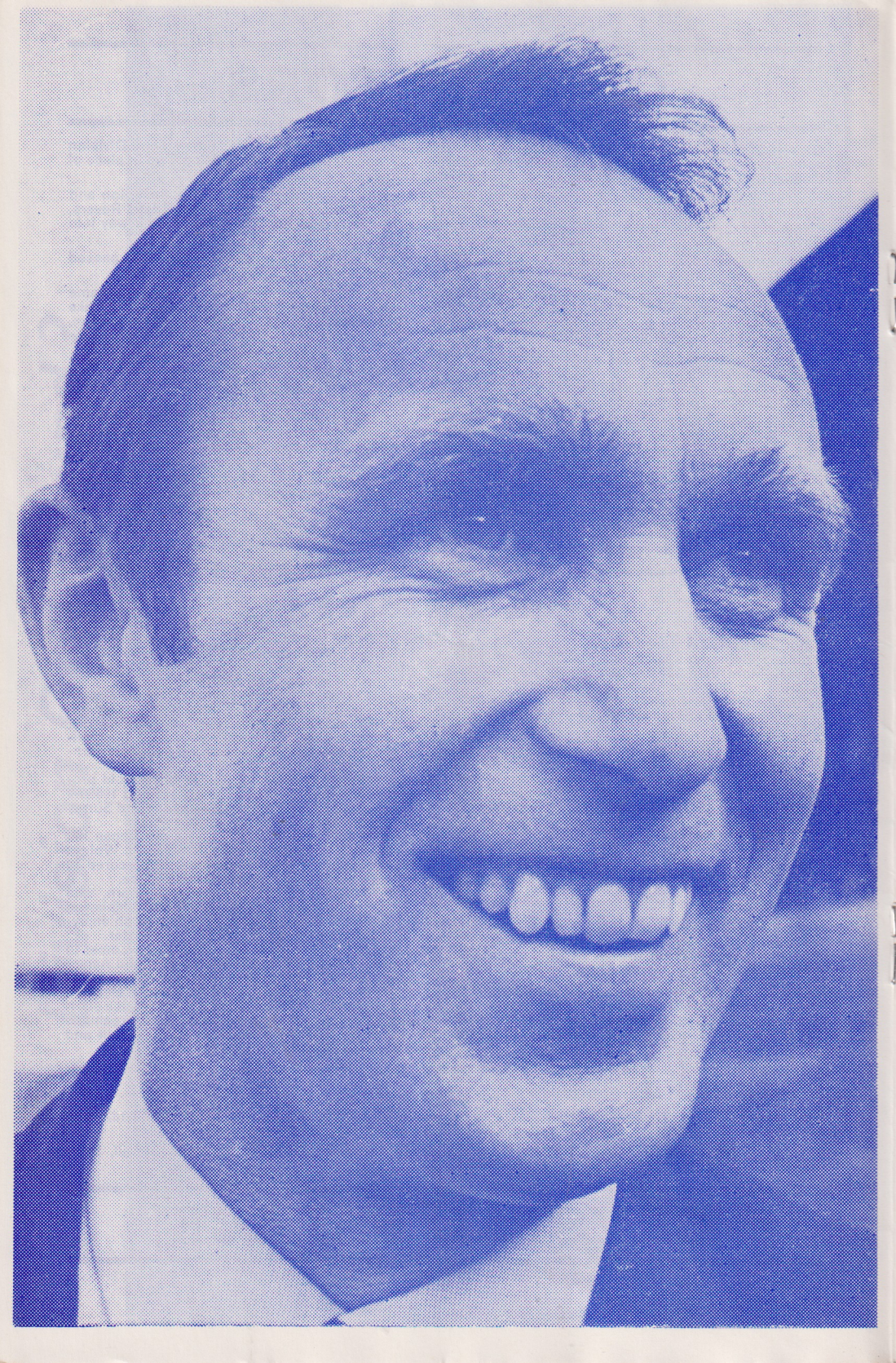
**Colin TAYLOR** (*outside left*). Also a newcomer to Palace, but not related to his partner and namesake. Started his playing career with his home town team, Stourbridge, moving to Walsall in 1958. He stayed for five months, then spent a short time with Newcastle and returned to a re-organised Walsall in 1964. Now 27, is powerfully built and known for his strong shooting.

**◀ CRYSTAL PALACE, 1968-69**

*Back Row* (*left to right*): Mark Lazarus, Terry Long, Bobby Woodruff, Mel Blythe, Eddie Presland, John Jackson, John McCormick, Brian Snowden, David Payne, Roger Hoy, Bert Head.

*Front Row* (*left to right*): John Loughlan, Tony Taylor, Len Tomkins, Colin Taylor, John Sewell, Steve Kember, Cliff Jackson, Trevor Dawkins, Jim Oliver.

# CRYSTAL PALACE



# A Welcome Focus

## on BRYAN EDWARDS

IT IS appropriate, in the last programme for this season, to take the opportunity of welcoming Bryan Edwards, the club's new first team trainer-coach. Among his duties will be those so ably performed for some years by chief trainer Walter Crook, who retires shortly from football.

Bryan is 38 years old, married with two children, and for three and a half years has been assistant trainer-coach with Blackpool. He is a fully qualified F.A. coach and we are pleased to have acquired his services. He will be at liberty to devote much of his time to this work because the appointment of Bill Shearer, as physio-therapist, frees him from medical duties.

North End's manager is happy about these appointments, believing that both these youngish men will be real assets to the club. Apart from the requisite capacity they are a couple of enthusiasts.

Bryan Edwards really needs little introduction to Lancashire fans. He is well remembered as a highly serviceable Bolton Wanderers wing half with the impressive record of 520 League and Cup appearances for the Burnden club. He gained an F.A. Cup winner's medal as a member of the Wanderers' side which beat Manchester United 2-0 in the 1958 Final at Wembley.

Nearer home, he is also well known as a good cricketer who has played for Blackpool C.C. in the Northern League during recent seasons. He is strongly built and six feet tall.

It is rather singular that all his football life had been spent in two towns on the main railway between Manchester and the Fylde and now he moves to another town on this line. He is, of course, no stranger to Deepdale, having played here many times during his 17 years' association with "The Trotters," with a match on the road to Wembley in 1958 best remembered.

Bryan considers that football is much more demanding from the players in five essentials — fitness, zeal, concentration, effort and determination — than it ever was in his own playing days, due to what he describes as the terrific pressures of the modern game and the way training systems have been changed and modernised. Things have been streamlined and co-ordinated to such an extent that people outside the game cannot realise how much they have changed.

Nevertheless, he loves football so much that, even 10 years ago, he firmly made up his mind to continue in some capacity when he had finished playing. He was taking coaching courses long before he hung up his boots and for eight years has had the F.A. coaching award.

In addition he studied modern training methods and the treatment of injuries. He sees complete fitness as imperative in a footballer's life if he is to be a success. Although Lancashire-minded in most things he is proud of being a Yorkshireman, who hails from Oulton, near Leeds. In passing, he is pretty useful as a crown green bowler ! — **W.P.**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# NORTH END FAC

## League Division II, 1968-69

| | | | | 1968-9 | 1967-8 | Pts | Gain | Loss | Attendances 1968-9 | Attendances 1967-8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1968 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. 10 | Middlesbrough | A | | 1-2 | 0-5 | 0 | 4,664 | — | 19,014 | 14,350 |
| ,, 14 | **F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham** | **H** | | **1-1** | - | - | — | — | 10,287 | — |
| ,, 17 | Huddersfield Town | H | | 1-0 | 3-1 | 2 | — | 681 | 12,673 | 13,354 |
| ,, 21 | **F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham** | **A** | | **1-0** | - | - | — | — | 4,434 | — |
| ,, 24 | Cardiff City | A | | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0 | — | 1,553 | 11,344 | 12,897 |
| ,, 26 | Portsmouth | H | | 0-0 | 3-1 | 1 | 3,890 | — | 13,828 | 9,938 |
| ,, 31 | Birmingham City | H | | 4-1 | 0-0 | 2 | — | 2,760 | 14,112 | 16,872 |
| Sept. 4 | **League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.** | **A** | | **1-3** | - | - | — | — | 12,594 | — |
| ,, 7 | Bury | A | | 1-0 | - | 2 | — | — | 10,609 | — |
| ,, 14 | Charlton Athletic | H | | 1-1 | 4-1 | 1 | 2,783 | — | 13,986 | 11,203 |
| ,, 16 | Blackpool | A | | 1-1 | 1-4 | 1 | 10,684 | — | 27,975 | 16,291 |
| ,, 21 | Crystal Palace | A | | 2-1 | 0-2 | 2 | 5,807 | — | 13,577 | 7,770 |
| ,, 28 | Norwich City | H | | 1-3 | 1-0 | 0 | — | 258 | 14,778 | 15,036 |
| ,, 30 | Carlisle United | H | | 2-2 | 0-2 | 1 | 1,503 | — | 14,984 | 13,481 |
| Oct. 5 | Blackburn Rovers | H | | 1-1 | 3-5 | 1 | 649 | — | 20,681 | 20,032 |
| ,, 9 | Portsmouth | A | | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1 | — | 1,042 | 20,393 | 21,435 |
| ,, 12 | Derby County | A | | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0 | 9,363 | — | 27,146 | 17,783 |
| ,, 19 | Hull City | H | | 1-0 | 3-2 | 2 | — | 505 | 13,823 | 14,328 |
| ,, 26 | Millwall | A | | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1 | 6,091 | — | 15,827 | 9,736 |
| Nov. 9 | Aston Villa | A | | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2 | 109 | — | 13,374 | 13,285 |
| ,, 16 | Bristol City | H | | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2 | 2,200 | — | 12,325 | 10,125 |
| ,, 23 | Sheffield United | A | | 0-4 | - | 0 | — | — | 15,969 | — |
| ,, 25 | Fulham | H | | 0-0 | - | 1 | — | — | 14,730 | — |
| ,, 30 | Bolton Wanderers | H | | 1-4 | 1-1 | 0 | — | 4,556 | 15,242 | 19,798 |
| Dec. 7 | Oxford United | A | | 1-2 | - | 0 | — | — | 7,005 | — |
| ,, 14 | Derby County | H | | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1 | — | 5,223 | 12,648 | 17,871 |
| ,, 20 | Hull City | A | | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1 | 1,894 | — | 15,976 | 14,082 |
| ,, 26 | Blackburn Rovers | A | | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0 | 969 | — | 21,224 | 20,255 |
| 1969 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 4 | **F.A. Cup (3) Nottingham Forest** | **H** | | **3-0** | - | - | — | — | 20,008 | — |
| ,, 18 | Aston Villa | H | | 1-0 | 2-1 | 2 | — | 1,791 | 15,252 | 17,043 |
| ,, 25 | **F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea** | **H** | | **0-0** | 1-3 | - | — | — | 31,875 | — |
| ,, 29 | **F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea** (aban.) | **A** | | **0-2** | - | - | — | — | 44,239 | — |
| Feb. 1 | Br stol City | A | | 1-2 | 1-4 | 0 | — | 2,516 | 13,419 | 16,935 |
| ,, 3 | **F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea** | **A** | | **1-2** | - | - | — | — | 36,522 | — |
| ,, 22 | Oxford United | H | | 2-1 | - | 2 | — | — | 10,305 | — |
| ,, 26 | Fulham (post., Jan. 11th, Feb. 19th) | A | | 1-2 | - | 0 | — | — | 11,726 | — |
| Mar. 1 | Middlesbrough | H | | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | — | 2,709 | 12,520 | 15,229 |
| ,, 3 | Millwall (postponed Dec. 28th) | H | | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0 | | 560 | 10,885 | 11,445 |
| ,, 8 | Huddersfield Town | A | | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1 | — | 553 | 10,281 | 10,834 |
| ,, 15 | Cardiff City | H | | 0-1 | 3-0 | 0 | — | 2,983 | 10,752 | 13,735 |
| ,, 17 | Sheffield Utd. (postponed Feb. 8th) | H | | 2-2 | - | 1 | — | — | 8,224 | — |
| ,, 22 | Birmingham City | A | | 1-3 | 0-3 | 0 | — | 5,644 | 22,020 | 27,664 |
| ,, 29 | Bury | H | | 3-0 | - | 2 | — | — | 9,467 | — |
| April 5 | Norwich City | A | | 1-1 | 3-1 | 1 | — | 6,062 | 12,169 | 18,231 |
| ,, 7 | Carlisle United | A | | 0-1 | 1-4 | 0 | — | 3,879 | 7,349 | 11,228 |
| ,, 8 | Blackpool | H | | 1-0 | 0-2 | 2 | — | 4,266 | 17,233 | 21,499 |
| ,, 12 | Crystal Palace | H | | - | 0-0 | | | | | 13,313 |
| ,, 16 | Bolton W. (postponed Feb. 15th) | A | | - | 0-0 | | | | | 14,664 |
| ,, 19 | Charlton Athletic | A | | - | 0-0 | | | | | 11,612 |

## Central League, 1968-69

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1968 | | | |
| Aug. 10 | Newcastle United | H | 3 2 |
| ,, 17 | Nottingham Forest | A | 1-1 |
| ,, 20 | Everton | A | 1-1 |
| ,, 24 | Coventry City | H | 3-1 |
| ,, 27 | Burnley | A | 0-1 |
| ,, 31 | West Bromwich Albion | A | 1-2 |
| Sept. 7 | Manchester United | H | 2-0 |
| ,, 16 | Everton | H | 0-1 |
| ,, 21 | Bury | H | 3-1 |
| ,, 28 | Sheffield Wednesday | A | 0-1 |
| Oct. 5 | Leeds United | A | 1-0 |
| ,, 12 | Blackburn Rovers | H | 1-1 |
| ,, 14 | Leeds United | H | 0-0 |
| ,, 19 | Blackpool | A | 0-1 |
| ,, 26 | Liverpool | H | 0-5 |
| Nov. 2 | Bolton Wanderers | A | 1-2 |
| ,, 9 | Aston Villa | H | 2-2 |
| ,, 16 | Wolverhampton Wanderers | A | 1-0 |
| ,, 23 | Manchester City | H | 2-1 |
| ,, 30 | Sheffield United | A | 2-2 |
| Dec. 7 | Derby County | H | 3-0 |
| 1968 | | | |
| Dec. 21 | Blackpool | H | 0-2 |
| 1969 | | | |
| Jan. 4 | Huddersfield Town | A | 0-2 |
| ,, 11 | Bolton Wanderers | H | 1-0 |
| ,, 18 | Aston Villa | A | 1-1 |
| Feb. 1 | Wolverhampton Wanderers | H | 2-3 |
| Mar. 1 | Newcastle United | A | 1-2 |
| ,, 8 | Nottingham Forest | H | 0-2 |
| ,, 10 | Sheffield United | H | 0-1 |
| ,, 14 | Coventry City | A | 0-2 |
| ,, 22 | West Bromwich Albion | H | 2-0 |
| ,, 24 | Burnley | H | 0-2 |
| ,, 29 | Manchester United | A | 2-1 |
| ,, 31 | Stoke City | H | 0-1 |
| April 5 | Sheffield Wednesday | H | 2-1 |
| ,, 8 | Stoke City | A | 0-3 |
| ,, 12 | Bury | A | .... |
| ,, 16 | Blackburn Rovers | A | .... |
| ,, 18 | Manchester City | A | .... |
| ,, 19 | Huddersfield Town | H | .... |
| ,, 21 | Liverpool | A | .... |
| — | Derby County | A | .... |

# TS AND FIGURES

## North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

**Football League, Division II** — P39, W11, D13, L15, Goals: F37, A44, Pts. 35

| F.A. Cup | | G | RB | LB | RH | CH | LH | OR | IR | CF | IL | OL | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Alan KELLY | 39 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 39 |
| | Bert PATRICK | — | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| 4 | George ROSS | — | 34 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 36 |
| | John RITCHIE | — | — | 16 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 16 |
| | Jim SMITH | — | — | 3 | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 12 |
| | John BRIGHT | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| 4 | Alec SPARK | — | — | — | 14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 14 |
| 1 | Graham HAWKINS | — | — | — | 3 | 29 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 32 |
| 3 | Bill CRANSTON | — | — | — | — | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 |
| 4 | Ken KNIGHTON | — | — | 6 | — | — | 21 | — | 5 | — | 7 | — | 39 |
| 3 | Jim McNAB | — | — | 11 | 13 | 4 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 31 |
| 4 | Richard HEPPOLETTE | — | — | — | — | — | 15 | — | — | — | — | — | 15 |
| | David WILSON | — | — | — | — | — | — | 16 | — | — | — | 1 | 17 |
| | David HUGHES | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| | Norman LLOYD | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 |
| 2 | Alan SPAVIN | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | 22 | — | 1 | — | 31 |
| 3 | Willie IRVINE | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 28 | — | — | 34 |
| 3 | Gerry INGRAM | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | 20 | — | 31 |
| | George LYALL | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 2 | — | 5 |
| 1 | Archie GEMMILL | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 9 | 5 | 15 |
| 4 | Derek TEMPLE | — | — | — | — | — | — | 12 | 1 | — | — | 8 | 21 |
| 4 | Frank LEE | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 25 | 25 |
| | Total | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | |

**League Division II Scorers — Irvine 14; Ingram 6; Knighton 4; Lee 4; Gemmill 3; Temple 2; Spark, Spavin, McNab, Wilson, 1 each — Total 37. League Cup Scorers — Irvine 3. F.A. Cup scorers — Irvine 2 (1 pen.), Temple, Ingram — Total 4.**

### LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 9th April)

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | Goals F. | A. | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Derby County | 39 | 25 | 11 | 5 | 55 | 31 | 57 |
| Crystal Palace | 39 | 20 | 11 | 8 | 65 | 44 | 51 |
| Middlesbrough | 40 | 19 | 11 | 10 | 55 | 43 | 49 |
| Cardiff City | 40 | 20 | 7 | 13 | 67 | 51 | 47 |
| Charlton Athletic | 39 | 17 | 13 | 9 | 57 | 51 | 47 |
| Millwall | 40 | 17 | 9 | 14 | 57 | 47 | 43 |
| Sheffield United | 40 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 58 | 49 | 41 |
| Blackpool | 40 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 50 | 41 | 40 |
| Carlisle United | 40 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 44 | 47 | 40 |
| Hull City | 39 | 12 | 16 | 11 | 57 | 49 | 40 |
| Birmingham City | 39 | 16 | 8 | 15 | 68 | 56 | 40 |
| Huddersfield Town | 38 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 46 | 45 | 39 |
| Blackburn Rovers | 36 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 47 | 46 | 37 |
| Norwich City | 38 | 13 | 10 | 15 | 45 | 45 | 36 |
| Portsmouth | 40 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 51 | 53 | 36 |
| Aston Villa | 40 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 36 | 47 | 36 |
| **Preston North End** | 39 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 37 | 44 | 35 |
| Bristol City | 39 | 9 | 16 | 14 | 42 | 47 | 34 |
| Bolton Wanderers | 39 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 51 | 65 | 33 |
| Oxford United | 40 | 11 | 9 | 20 | 33 | 53 | 31 |
| Bury | 39 | 9 | 8 | 22 | 44 | 74 | 26 |
| Fulham | 39 | 7 | 10 | 22 | 38 | 75 | 24 |

### CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 8th April)

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | Goals F. | A. | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liverpool | 39 | 27 | 7 | 5 | 75 | 22 | 61 |
| West Bromwich A. | 37 | 19 | 9 | 9 | 59 | 34 | 47 |
| Manchester United | 36 | 19 | 8 | 9 | 59 | 38 | 46 |
| Newcastle United | 36 | 19 | 8 | 9 | 54 | 35 | 46 |
| Wolverhampton W. | 40 | 17 | 10 | 13 | 57 | 55 | 44 |
| Nottingham Forest | 37 | 16 | 11 | 10 | 61 | 48 | 43 |
| Manchester City | 37 | 20 | 2 | 15 | 58 | 47 | 42 |
| Everton | 35 | 17 | 6 | 12 | 41 | 41 | 40 |
| Burnley | 38 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 56 | 51 | 40 |
| Stoke City | 36 | 15 | 7 | 14 | 43 | 33 | 37 |
| Huddersfield Town | 37 | 16 | 3 | 18 | 59 | 72 | 35 |
| Bury | 35 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 52 | 56 | 34 |
| Leeds United | 39 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 37 | 55 | 33 |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 36 | 13 | 8 | 15 | 41 | 43 | 34 |
| Bolton Wanderers | 38 | 14 | 6 | 18 | 51 | 67 | 34 |
| Sheffield United | 36 | 11 | 9 | 16 | 55 | 47 | 31 |
| **Preston North End** | 36 | 12 | 7 | 17 | 38 | 48 | 31 |
| Derby County | 37 | 8 | 13 | 16 | 32 | 44 | 29 |
| Aston Villa | 34 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 38 | 64 | 28 |
| Blackburn Rovers | 38 | 9 | 9 | 20 | 47 | 64 | 27 |
| Blackpool | 38 | 8 | 10 | 20 | 56 | 80 | 26 |
| Coventry City | 37 | 9 | 8 | 20 | 37 | 60 | 26 |

# Football League
# LEADING HOT SHOTS

| | Lge. | FLC | FAC | Eur. Comps. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Division I** | | | | | |
| Greaves (Spurs)..... | 22 | 5 | 4 | – | 31 |
| Hurst (West Ham) .. | 25 | 4 | 2 | – | 31 |
| Law (Manchester U.) | 13 | – | 7 | 9 | 29 |
| Robson, B. (N'castle) | 16 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 25 |
| Curran (Wolves) .... | 20 | 5 | – | – | 25 |
| *(17 Lge, 5 FLC for Norwich)* | | | | | |
| **Division II** | | | | | |
| Toshack (Cardiff) .... | 21 | – | – | 2 | 23 |
| Crawford (Charlton) .. | 19 | 1 | – | – | 20 |
| *(16 Lge, 1 FLC for Ipswich)* | | | | | |
| IRVINE (Preston) .... | 14 | 3 | 2 | – | 19 |
| Hector (Derby) ..... | 15 | 4 | – | – | 19 |
| Galley (Bristol City) .. | 15 | 2 | 1 | – | 18 |
| Hickton (M'brough) .. | 18 | – | – | – | 18 |

| | Lge. | FLC | FAC | Eur. Comps. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Division III** | | | | | |
| Dawson (Brighton) .. | 24 | – | – | – | 24 |
| *(7 for Bury)* | | | | | |
| Rogers (Swindon) .. | 16 | 7 | 1 | – | 24 |
| Atkins (Stockport).... | 19 | – | 2 | – | 21 |
| Noble (Swindon) .... | 16 | 4 | – | – | 20 |
| Andrews (Southport) | 16 | 2 | 1 | – | 19 |
| **Division IV** | | | | | |
| Best (Southend)..... | 14 | 1 | 10 | – | 25 |
| Talbot (Chester) .... | 21 | 1 | 1 | – | 23 |
| Hall (Peterborough) .. | 17 | 4 | – | – | 21 |
| Buck (Rochdale)..... | 18 | – | 1 | – | 19 |
| *(12 Lge, 1 FAC for Newport)* | | | | | |

## CRYSTAL PALACE QUIZ

1—Have Crystal Palace ever been in the First Division ?

2—What made Palace's first League season, 1920-21, one to be proudly remembered ?

3—What sad feature is associated with the 1924 opening of their newly purchased ground ?

4—Who is Palace's manager ?

5—Why is the club called Crystal Palace ?

6—Where is the club now situated ?

7—What are their official colours ?

8—Any idea of their nickname ?

9—What is unusual about their Board ?

*Answers on page 17*

The Preston North End F.C. hope you find this programme both informative and interesting, and we wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the *Lancashire Evening Post* for allowing us to publish photographs taken by their Staff Photographers.

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# Man at the Helm

**BERT HEAD**
**(Crystal Palace's Manager)**

IN fourteen years as a full-back or centre-half with Torquay United, BERT HEAD was a loyal, efficient — though never more than a good average — player. Yet he has already proved one of the outstanding managers in the game.

It was after his move to Bury in 1951 that the seeds of his subsequent successes were sown. He continued as a player for a couple of years, then gained valuable experience as that club's coach, chief scout, then assistant manager. His big chance came in 1956 when Swindon Town, then a down-and-out Third Division club with little hope or ambition for the future, offered him their managership.

With little cash in the kitty, Mr. Head had no alternative than to plan around the development of a youth policy, and within a short time he discovered a wonderful team of youngsters from a region, Wiltshire, that had never before been a breeding ground for footballers. "Ernie" Hunt, Don Rogers, Mike Summerbee, Roger Smart, Bobby Woodruff — these were just a handful of the stars he produced. In 1963 his wonder boys took Swindon into Division II for the first time. They made a fantastic start to their initial season and went straight to the top of the table. Then luck turned. After only two seasons, Swindon dropped back into the Third. Many people considered Swindon were foolish to part company, then, with the manager who had done so much for them.

But Swindon's loss ultimately proved Palace's gain. Mr. Head spent a few months as manager of his old club, Bury, before taking charge at Selhurst Park in April, 1966. Now he has got his Palace players around to his way of thinking, they have a grand chance of winning promotion to Division I for the first time in their history.

# Man in the Middle

**GEORGE HARTLEY (Wakefield)**

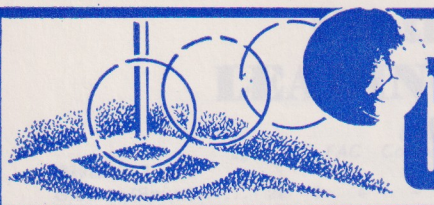
THE constant fear of all referees — designated as official timekeepers and administrators of the laws of the game—is that they will fail to reach the ground in time for kick-off. GEORGE HARTLEY, who handles today's game, had one nightmarish experience he hopes will never occur again.

"I was refereeing a Central League game at Goodison Park but ran into serious trouble with late trains," he recalled. "In the end the situation got so desperate that I had to change in the train. A message had been sent through to the club who arranged a police car to collect me from the station. I sprinted up the platform, jumped into the car — and arrived just one minute before kick-off time!"

Mr. Hartley took up refereeing in 1955 for no other reason than that "I just happened to be extremely interested in football." He worked his way up through the Wakefield and District League to the Northern Intermediate, then Central Leagues until he was appointed a Football League linesman in 1963. This is his first season as a League referee.

Apart from football, he enjoys most sports and is an ardent cricketer and tennis player. His job as office supervisor at a well-known sports goods factory gives him the opportunity of dealing with most sports items.

During the World Cup he was responsible for all footballs used at Middlesbrough and he had to ensure they complied with all conditions regarding weight and size.



# CORNER KICKS

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Supporters' Club this week announced the winner of their "Ideas Competition." Fans were asked to submit practical suggestions for future developments of the Club. The winner of the £5 prize, Mr. Ken. Norris, of Emmanuel Street, Preston, had gone to great lengths, even including detailed drawings of his proposals for the future. These included larger dancing areas, dining facilities and a "space age stage."

### WEMBLEY IN COLOUR

The Cup Final on Saturday, 26th April, 1969, will be shown in the Supporters' Club on TWO COLOUR TELEVISIONS. Tickets will be strictly limited and members wishing to attend are requested to obtain tickets well in advance to avoid disappointment.

### JUNIOR LILYWHITES

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### PROGRAMME 1969/70

The Editors would like to thank all the supporters who kindly wrote expressing congratulations on the production of the Official Programme during the past season.

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# North End in Action

**Willie Irvine in action in the game against Blackpool at Deepdale last Tuesday.**

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1—No ; but they confidently expect to make good this omission shortly.
2—They gained promotion to the Second Division at the first attempt.
3—They were relegated, and did not return to Division Two until 40 years later.
4—Bert Head.
5—It was their home for the first 10 seasons, 1905-15, as well as the venue for F.A. Cup Finals. Workers on the Palace staff founded the club.
6—Official address — Selhurst Park, London, S.E.25.
7—Claret shirts, with thin light blue stripes, white shorts, light blue stockings with claret tops.
8—"The Glaziers," so that their former goalkeeper, Bill Glazier, was aptly named.
9—There are only three directors.


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